



# **Senate Finance & Appropriations - Combined General Government and Public Safety Subcommittees**

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# Budget Highlights

Item 425. P. Included an appropriation for \$1,147,694 the first year and \$5,209,045 the second year from the general fund to implement **Phase I transformation** the department's information technology in order to comply with §2.2-2011 of the Code of Virginia.





# VITA Transformation

## Phase 1

- To begin in **March of 2021** estimated to take approximately two years.
- This will include VSP core network, Division and Area office networks, Active Directory, and end-user device (PC) migration to Commonwealth's network.
- Projected cost of \$434,000 per month for 24 months. Total cost of \$10.4 million.

## Phase 2

- This will **begin in April of 2023** and is estimated to take two years.
- This will include VSP's server/storage infrastructure migration to Commonwealth's Enterprise cloud environment.
- Projected cost of \$1.4 M per month for 24 months. Total cost of \$33.4 million (High-level projections and exclude Disaster Recovery).



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Item 426. R. Included in this appropriation is \$9,488,184 in the second year as supplemental funding to the base funding for patrol vehicle replacement due to the **unanticipated cost increase (51%) associated with new replacement vehicles.**

- The Department shall develop a detailed fleet replacement schedule.
- The department **shall report this vehicle replacement** schedule to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Appropriations and Chairwoman of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, and the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, by October, 1, 2021.





# VSP Patrol Vehicles

**Ford discontinued the current patrol vehicle**, which resulted in significant and unavoidable cost increase to the Department.

After months of careful research and evaluation, the **2020 Ford Utility SUV was found to be the best** option based on vehicle safety, maintenance, performance and overall costs of ownership.



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# Budget Highlights

- There is a proposed Administration Budget Amendment to provide advanced training of Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) for **VSP and localities** in support of the **Governor's Adult-use Cannabis legalization Bill**.
- Funding (approximately \$1.2 million) to train and certify law enforcement officers as DRE's in order to provide effective detection and enforcement for driving under the influence of marijuana and/or other drugs.







# Expungement Process

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# Expungements

- This information is intended as a review of the existing expungement process and to provide information pertaining to system upgrades and/or other actions that could make the process more efficient.
- This information is not offered in response to any existing or proposed legislation.





# Expungement Options

## Expungement

- Labor-intensive manual process
- Automation requires new systems
- Records not accessible without a court order
- VSP monitors local expungements

## Record Expiration

- Automated, subject to system limitations
- Some functionality may require new systems
- Can seal or expunge records depending on policy preferences
- Conditions add complexity and cost

## Sealing

- Automated, subject to system limitations
- Lack of uniformity may require new systems
- Records firewalled unless requestor has statutory authority
- Conditions add complexity and cost



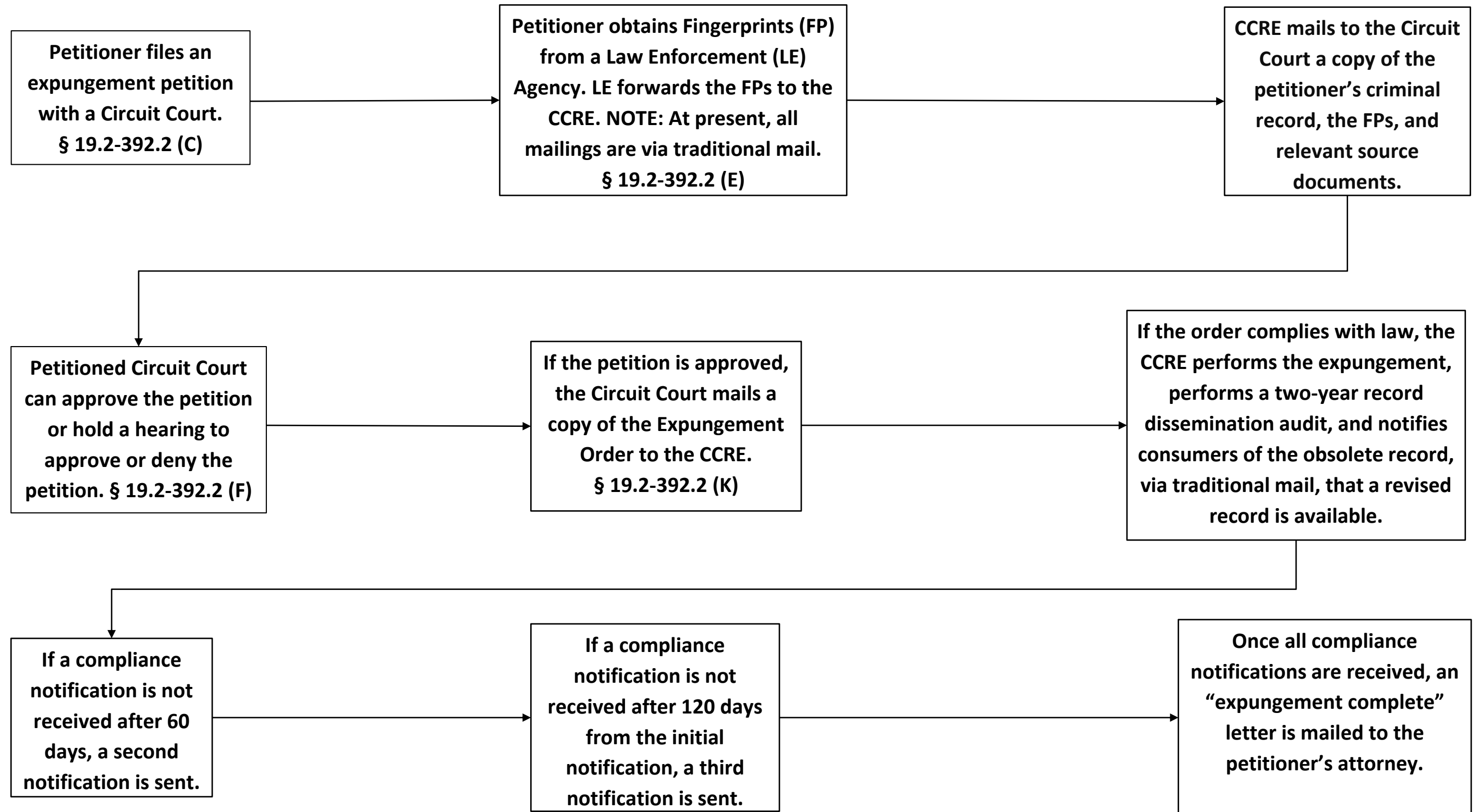
# Current Expungement Process Overview

- Highly manual and labor-intensive process. One FTE can complete 500 expungements per year.
- Current staffing doesn't meet the demands of the annual expungement volume. We have cross-trained other staff members to assist with expungements.
- The Department cannot absorb any additional expungement volume.





# Existing Expungement Process



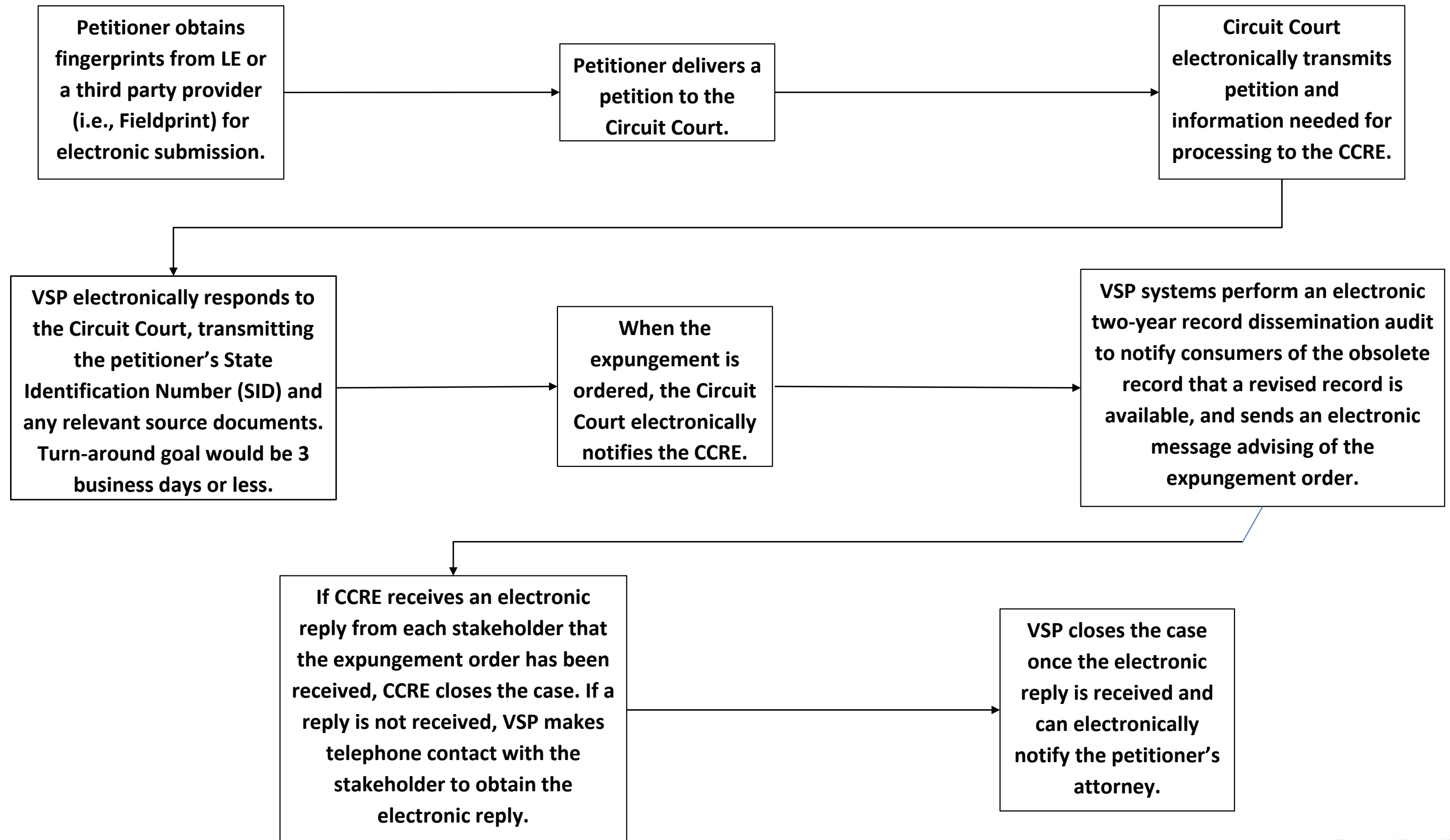
# Full Expungement Solution: Electronically Automated Expungements

- Many of the proposed expungement bills require expunging hundreds of thousands of criminal history records.
- Boosting expungement capacity requires **investment into technology/automation**, and changes to the Code or regulations.





# An **Electronic Process** is an investment to modernize expungements and the criminal justice system for the long-term



# Features of the Proposed Process

- **Boosts Productivity**: We believe that we can quadruple capacity (2,000 expungements per year, per employee).
- **Relies on Automation**: Information would be exchanged electronically rather than using traditional mail.
- **Faster Processing**: Use of electronic transmission results in quicker arrival to the CCRE and Circuit Court queues, and more expeditious notification of stakeholders.
- **Saves Taxpayer Funds**: More efficient for large-scale expungement, and eliminates mailing expenses.





# Alternative Solutions: Electronic Sealing and Expiration of Records

- These are cost-effective solutions, but widespread use with varying criteria will require a modernized Criminal History System.
- Our current systems cannot be programmed for complex or charge-dependent criteria in a cost-effective way.



# What is Needed for Efficiency?

- **Systems Replacement**: The Department has 4 interdependent, aging systems that need immediate replacement (Computerized Criminal History, Consolidated Applicant Tracking System, Civil Commitments, and Master Name Index).
  - These systems are at end-of-life and cannot be programmed for the needed functionality in a time/cost effective manner.
- **Introduction of Rap Back**: The Department has statutory authority to build a Rap Back system. A Rap Back system cannot be built on the existing Consolidated Applicant Tracking and Computerized Criminal History systems.
  - The lack of a Rap Back system requires the Department of Social Services to request federal waivers annually.
- **Cost**: The estimated cost to replace all of these systems and to introduce Rap Back into the Commonwealth is \$12,500,000.
  - The estimated cost to introduce Rap Back and replace these systems individually exceeds \$20,000,000.







**Thank you**

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